American Government: Chapter 10

Focus Questions: Sections 1 and 2–Due 10/21/2013–20 pts

**Section 1**

**Define:**

Bicameral:

Term:

Session:

Adjourns:

Prorogue:

Special Session:

How many members are there in the House of Representatives? In the Senate?

Why does the Constitution establish a bicameral legislature?

What practical problem did the framers solve by creating a bicameral legislature?

How many sessions make up each congressional term?

When was the last special session called by the President? Who called it and why?

Why is the likelihood of special sessions less in our times?

**Section 2**

**Define:**

Apportioned:

Reapportion:

Off-Year Elections:

Single-Member District:

At-Large:

Gerrymandered:

Incumbent:

How are seats in the House distributed?

What problem did the House face after the census of 1920?

Which party typically gains seats in off year elections?

What is gerrymandering and what are its purpose and result?

What did the Supreme Court rule in the 1964 case of Wesberry v. Sanders?

How did Wesberry v. Sanders change the makeup of the House?

What are the formal qualifications for members of the House?